

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 417
By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Reverend Hogan
Yancey.

WHEREAS, the members of the Tennessee General Assembly were deeply saddened to learn of the death of Reverend Hogan Lowndes Yancey, former minister of Nashville's Downtown Presbyterian Church and a tireless advocate for peace and justice in Nashville, and throughout Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, a native of Lexington, Kentucky, Dr. Yancey was a distinguished graduate of Yale University and Union Seminary and received his doctorate from the University of Edinburgh, in Scotland; and

WHEREAS, he was a highly regarded minister of churches in North Carolina, Florida, and Kentucky before being named to head Nashville's historic Downtown Presbyterian Church in 1971; and

WHEREAS, for 10 fruitful years, Reverend Yancey meritoriously served the Downtown congregation and the citizens of Nashville, providing inspirational messages and a strong emphasis on service to others; and

WHEREAS, he also generously contributed his time, expertise and leadership as a founding member of the Nashville Association of Rabbis, Priests and Ministers, Manna Hunger coalition and the local chapters of Amnesty International and Clergy and Laity Concerned; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Yancey had a tremendous passion for music, particularly Mozart and Gershwin, and the poetry of Wilfred Owen, A. E. Houseman and e. e. cummings; and

WHEREAS, his friend and mentor, Reverend Bill Barnes, the longtime minister at Edgehill United Methodist Church, has said “Hogan really believed the resurrection was a political event that gave one trust and courage. Hogan thought that if you believe the resurrection then you don’t play in Caesar’s politics. He always carried a double portion of faith in the world and sadness for the world’s pain. He felt an irrevocable sense of the goodness of life and the power of God.”; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause to honor the memory of Reverend Hogan Lowndes Yancey; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Reverend Hogan Yancey and express our deepest condolences to his family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.